

**Minutes From a Meeting of the Concordia Council on
Student Life**

Held on March 3, 2000.

AD 121 10:00am Loyola Campus

Present: Dr. D. Boisvert, Chair, Ms J. Hackett, Secretary, Mr. A. Beedassy, Mr. R. Boncore, Ms J. Calder, Mr. R. Côté, Ms M. Drew, Mr. P. Gilmore, Dr. S.M. Graub, , Mr. C. Jacob, Dr. J. Jans, Ms A. Kerby, Ms T. Ryan, Dr. F. Shaver, Mr H. Zarins, Ms C. Boujaklian, Mr. W. Curran, Ms L. Toscano

Absent with Regrets: Ms L. Lipscombe, Mr. B. MacIver, Mr. D. Prejli

Absent: Mr. J. Di Benedetto, Ms J. Fowler, Mr. P. Taylor, Ms S. Navidad, Mr. P. Aubé.

Delegates: Ms C. Hedrich represented Ms G. Korn

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Boisvert indicated that due to a particularly heavy agenda, the Report on Assessment from Mr. Côté would be deferred to the April CCSL meeting. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Côté and seconded by Ms Drew.

The Motion as amended was carried unanimously

2. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

There were no comments from the Chair at this time.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 1999

Ms Hackett asked that the following correction be noted: on Page 3 (last paragraph, last line), "President of NEADS" should be replaced with "Vice-President of NEADS". A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Mr. Jacobs, seconded by Dr. Graub.

The Motion was carried unanimously

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Draft Policy on Demonstrations: As the CSU did not have a formal response to the draft policy available, Mr. Jacob asked that Dr. Boisvert prepare a response to the policy based on the comments and concerns recorded in the minutes of the December 3, 1999 CCSL meeting. Mr. Jacob also asked that the revised policy be brought back to Council for input before implementation. Dr. Boisvert agreed to forward the request to Legal Counsel. However, he cautioned that it might not be possible to have a revised policy for the next CCSL meeting.

4.2 Student Participation in University Governance: Dr. Boisvert drew Council's attention to the distributed report. Mr. Pruden, Chair of the Committee, spoke about the mandate of the committee and the results of their deliberations. Briefly, the recommendations were as follows:

- Creation of a comprehensive catalogue of University Committees which have seats set aside for students
- Creation of a notation on students' official transcripts of service on committees
- Creation of a bursary fund to recognize the outstanding contribution by students of time and service to the University governance system

Mr. Pruden pointed out that although the committee had believed the easiest way to reward outstanding student participation in university governance was through tuition waivers, the process proved more complicated than initially thought. He reiterated that the recommendations represent what the committee felt to be concrete, achievable proposals which will address the issues of encouraging and rewarding student involvement in the University committee system.

Student members raised a concern with the eligibility requirement. The students felt it was important that both full and part-time students (including independent students) be eligible for the bursaries. Council felt it was important that the student representatives be actually registered in courses.

There was concern expressed that it may not be appropriate at this point in the process to be specific as to the dollar amounts for the bursaries. Mr. Côté suggested deleting any reference to an amount.

A motion incorporating the amendments suggested by Mr. Côté and Mr. Jacob was put to Council:

Be it resolved that

Page 7 (2nd paragraph) "The bursaries would only be available to students registered in a minimum of 9 credits per semester (Fall/Winter) " would be amended to read "The bursaries would only be available to currently registered students".

And be it further resolved that

Page 8 (3rd paragraph) "The committee further recommends the immediate creation of a small, annual bursary fund (10 x \$1000) from the resources available to CCSL would be amended to read "The committee further recommends the immediate creation of a small, annual bursary".

The Motion was carried: 4 favour 0 opposed 6 abstentions

Mr. Jacob drew Council's attention to Page 7 (second paragraph, last line) "Salaried executives and employees of the Student Associations would not be eligible for these bursaries". A lengthy discussion followed on the fairness of this criteria. Mr. Jacob felt that students who work for minimum wage for a student association should not be penalized. The concern expressed by Council was that if a student was **specifically hired** to represent students, he/she should not be eligible to apply for the bursaries. Mr. Jacob, seconded by Mr. Beedassy made the following motion"

Be it resolved to delete the last line of paragraph 2 on Page 7 – "Salaried Executives and employees of the Students Associations would not be eligible for these bursaries"

The Motion was defeated: 4 favour 6 opposed 0 abstentions

Mr. Jacob then made the following amendment to his motion:

Be it resolved that salaried executives who participate in committees as part of their workload would not be eligible for these bursaries

The Amendment was defeated: 1 favour 9 opposed 1 abstention

Dr. Shaver felt the intent of the restriction was not to disqualify a student working as a receptionist for a student association but to restrict eligibility to those students whose actual job description was to represent students on committees **and** who were being reimbursed for this. Dr. Shaver felt that if the restriction was "spelled out", perhaps that would solve the problem. Mr. Côté felt that if there was a stipulation concerning employees of students associations, the stipulation should also include

students hired by the university. Mr. Jacob agreed to this amendment to his original motion.

Be it resolved that salaried executives and employees of student associations or the university who participate in committees as part of their workload would not be eligible for these bursaries

The Motion was carried unanimously

However, as there were still some issues to be “ironed out”, Council felt it was appropriate to send the **amended** report back to the committee for further deliberation. Mr. Jacob and Mr. Gilmore asked specifically that the committee review the following points:

- Clear definition of currently registered. Mr. Gilmore asked that currently registered be understood as to include independent students as well as students enrolled in 3 credits (one course) in each of the Fall and Winter semesters.
- Ensure that recognition for outstanding contribution include both the tuition waiver **and** bursaries.
- That the committee look at the formula for assigning the money involved in these bursaries, how the selection committee will be selected, and the criteria that will govern this selection committee in assigning bursaries. Also establish a formula for placing a dollar amount on the bursaries and look at any other nut and bolt issue surrounding the issuing of the bursary, the selection process and the selection committee

Mr. Jacob, seconded by Mr. Gilmore made the following motion:

Be it resolved that the Report of the CCSL Committee on Student Participation in University Governance, as amended at the March 7, 2000 Meeting of CCSL, be tabled and sent back to the Committee for deliberation, taking into account the concerns raised at Council

The Motion was carried: 8 favour 0 opposed 2 abstentions

4.3 Accessibility Motion: Due to time restraints, Council agreed to defer discussion on the motions to the April CCSL meeting. Dr. Boisvert suggested that it would be beneficial if Ms Kerby and Mr. Gilmore could

meet before the next CCSL meeting in the hopes that Council would have to consider only one motion.

4.4 Student Services Proposed Budget, 2000-2003

Dr. Boisvert drew Council's attention to the proposed Student Services Budget, which was distributed at the February CCSL meeting for discussion today. He pointed out a "typo" that appeared on the Health Services Budget Sheet, but which did not affect the bottom line figures. Dr. Boisvert reiterated that there was no increase in the student services fee for the next three years. He added that if this budget was approved, that would mean that the Student Services fee would have remained constant for a six-year period (1997-2003). This achievement is something the Student Services directors are proud of. Dr. Boisvert asked for questions from Council. Council moved into a committee of the whole.

Mr. Jacob noted that there was no funding for Research included in the Budget for 2000-2003. Dr. Boisvert indicated that the research budget had been collapsed into the Assessment Budget for 2000-2003 and an explanation of what the Assessment portfolio encompassed had been included in the budget package.

Mr. Jacob asked if more funds could be provided in the Subsidies & Trust Account for the Special Projects allocation. He also asked if the "ceiling" of \$800.00 per project could be higher. Dr. Boisvert indicated that in his experience as Chair of the Special Projects Committee, the allocation has always been sufficient to meet the expressed need. He said that although the "thinking" has always been that the special project money should not be a single source funding, the special projects committee could certainly review the issue of the \$800.00 ceiling.

Mr. Jacob asked if the \$5,000 allotted for the Daycares in the Subsidies and Trust account was adequate. Ms Kerby responded that the fund was initially established to assist our students who had children in the Concordia daycares. She affirmed that the existing allocation has been sufficient.

Dr. Boisvert took the opportunity to inform Council that he had been recently approached by The People's Potato for financial assistance. They have requested an amount of \$60,000 per year from CCSL for the next three years (2000-2003). It was noted that a referendum question on funding for the People's Potato on a per credit fee will take place this month. If a fee levy is approved, the contribution from Student Services may be considerably less. Ms Ryan felt that before CCSL can consider a

request for funding, a formal proposal should be received from The People's Potato.

Mr. Jacob asked if there were any financial provisions in the budget to support endeavors that may arise in the next three years. He said The People's Potato was a good example of an endeavor worthy of support. He felt it was important to have a contingency fund within the Subsidies and Trust Account that CCSL could have access to. Dr. Boisvert agreed. He asked if Council would be open to a motion to approve the proposed Student Services Budget with the rider that the Student Services Directors be mandated to ensure that adequate funds for student initiatives are available within the approved budget parameters. There was concern expressed by Mr. Jacob that there was no dollar amount attached to the motion. Mr. Côté said the minutes would reflect that the request was for at least \$60,000. Dr. Boisvert assured Mr. Jacob that the Directors were sensitive to this issue and were well aware of the financial needs.

Ms Kerby, seconded by Mr. Côté, made the following motion:

*Be it resolved that the proposed Student Services Budget for 2000-2003 be approved
and*

Be it further resolved that the Student Services Directorate be mandated to return to CCSL with a proposal to provide additional funding within the Subsidies and Trust Account for student endeavors, while respecting the approved budget parameters.

The Motion was carried unanimously

Dr. Boisvert thanked Council for their support and confirmed that the Directorate will return to CCSL with a funding proposal at either the April or May CCSL meeting.

4.5 Recreation & Athletics Proposed Budget, 2000-2003

Dr. Boisvert drew Council's attention to the proposed Recreation & Athletics budget, which was distributed at the February CCSL meeting for discussion today. Mr. Zarins spoke briefly about the budget. He reiterated that the Recreation & Athletics Board at their January 20th meeting had approved the proposed budget with the increase in the fee. With this increase, Recreation & Athletics will have a realistic balanced budget based on current operating expenses and will ensure that the Department will offer quality programmes and an opportunity to move forward.

Questions were asked by students concerning the value of sports, personal contributions by our athletes and existing programs for the "average student". Mr. Zarins spoke briefly how our athletic program enhances the university's profile. Ms Hedrich mentioned that student athletes are some

of our most involved and committed alumnae. Dr. Boisvert reiterated that an important aspect of Athletics is the training and education of our student athletes in their strive for excellence. He also said that Athletics has traditionally been a strong focus for school spirit. With respect to contributions by athletes, Mr. Zarins explained that student athletes are expected to contribute something financially with respect to equipment, uniforms, and "road expenses". Mr. Zarins confirmed that there is "free time" at the complex allocated for the "average student" but given the existing limitations, it is always booked to capacity.

Ms Ryan asked about the capital campaign funds and how these funds impacted the budget. Mr. Zarins replied the capital campaign funds are earmarked for new capital developments only and could not be factored into his operating budget.

Mr. Jacob asked if it would be possible to ensure that there would be funding available to support the creation of new sports teams. Mr. Zarins agreed that was a good idea and that it would be possible to reallocate some funding within the budget parameters.

The following motion was made by Mr. Zarins, seconded by Mr. Gilmore:

*Be it resolved that the proposed 2000-03 budget for Recreation & Athletics be approved
And Be it further resolved that an amount of \$10-15,000 be allocated to fund new teams while respecting the approved budget parameters*

The Motion was carried unanimously

5. REPORTS

As agreed, the Assessment Report was deferred to the April 3rd CCSL meeting.

6. STUDENT LIFE ISSUES

Mr. Curran was pleased to announce the pilot project to keep the Library open 24 hours will be repeated again. The dates will be April 5 – 19, 2000 inclusive.

Mr. Jacob informed Council that the CSU election period was coming up. Dr. Boisvert confirmed the "postering exemption authorization" for the CSU during the election period would be issued once again by his office.

Dr. Boisvert took the opportunity to remind Council that the CCSL Awards Night will be Friday, April 7th at 5:00pm in the SGW Faculty Club. He encouraged Council to participate in this important function.

7. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE RECREATION & ATHLETICS BOARD

As the Board had not met since their budget deliberations, there was no report at this time.

Mr. Zarins took the opportunity to thank and express his gratitude to all the student athletes, staff and volunteers who worked so very hard, especially during the last months, to ensure the success of the Women's National Hockey Tournament

8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

9. NEXT MEETING: Friday, April 7th, 10:00am SGW Campus, Hall 769

10. TERMINATION OF MEETING

A motion to terminate the meeting was made by Ms Ryan and seconded by Mr. Zarins.

The Motion was carried unanimously